



ASSOCIATION NEWS AND EVENTS

Luncheon and Business Capability Presentations - The Association is providing its members and other Alaska 8a companies the opportunity to network with each other and meet NASA's Procurement Director, Debra Johnson, and her staff. Please join us at the Millennium Hotel in Anchorage on August 19, 2008. You must register to attend by calling or emailing us (contact information below).

- ✓ Luncheon - 11:30 am to 1:30 pm
- ✓ Capability Presentations to NASA Procurement Office – 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm

Operations – OSIYO Consulting has been contracted by the Board to provide support services for daily operations. Roni Briggs, OSIYO, will work directly with the Board over the next several months to develop strategies and processes to improve communication, coordination, and membership growth opportunities. Additionally, the Board has contracted with Leslie Williams, CPA, to strengthen our financial management processes, reconcile our accounts, audit the regular and associate member records, and manage the day to day financial transactions.

Annual Meeting Save the Date – Our Annual Meeting is planned for **October, 15, 2008**, in Anchorage. Watch for details and bring a guest who might be interested in joining the Association!

NATIONAL NEWS & NETWORKS

Firms Redirected Money Meant For Native Alaskans, Audit Finds

By [Robert O'Harrow Jr.](#), Washington Post Staff Writer, Wednesday, August 13, 2008; Excerpt

Two government contractors designated as small, Alaska-native-owned firms directed millions of dollars in fees to other companies owned by managers who were not Alaska natives and should not have received the payments, according to an audit report by the Office of Inspector General at the Small Business Administration. See the full story at <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2008/08/12/AR2008081202990.html>.

National Black Chamber of Commerce Highlights Partnership with Alaska Native Corporations

During the 16th Annual Convention, the National Black Chamber of Commerce highlighted the partnership with Alaska Native Corporations and the Alaska 8a Association. Co-founders, Harry C. Alford and Kay DeBow, noted that teaming agreements were signed during the convention and planning has begun for projects. "What a difference a little understanding makes," said Alford about the partnership. Last May, the Chamber penned a strategic alliance with the Alaska 8(a) Association after participating in the association's conference held in Anchorage. Alford's reflections on the new partnership are captured in his self-titled paper, "Beyond the Rhetoric," which is provided at www.8aonline.org.

NATIONAL EVENT NOTICES

August 27, 2008 – 3rd Annual Native American Alliance Trade Fair at the Tulalip Resort Casino in Tulalip, WA. At the same time and location, the Council for Tribal Employment Rights will have their **Annual National Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) Convention**. For more information, contact Mario Gonzalez at mario.gonzalez@nwaid.org.

September 23 – 25, 2008 – Native American Contractors Association's Annual Meeting at the Marriott Residence Inn Capitol, Washington, DC.

September, 2008 - Tribal and Alaska Native Corporation (TANC) - Aleut Management Services will host the quarterly Tribal and Alaska Native Corporation (TANC) Council luncheon meeting in Colorado. The guest speaker is Greg Lopez, District Director, US Small Business Administration, Colorado District. If planning to attend or for questions: Brenda.Dukart@mbshome.com.

November 18-19, 2008 - The National Association of Small Business Contractors and the U.S. Women's Chamber of Commerce will host a small business west coast contracting summit. For more information, go to: www.nasbc.org.

STAKEHOLDER OPPORTUNITIES

Udall Foundation Partners to Increase Native Interns in DC - First Alaskans Institute and the Morris K. Udall Foundation launched a partnership to increase Alaska Native participation in the Udall Foundation's Native American Congressional Internship Program. The Institute will help recruit and contribute funding for Alaska Natives who participate in the ten-week summer internship in Washington, D.C. For more information regarding the internship, please visit the Institute's website at <http://www.firstalaskans.org> and the Udall Foundation website at <http://www.udall.gov>.

Gates Millennium Scholars Program (GMS) - The GMS 2009 - 2010 application is now available on line at www.gmsp.org. The deadline is Monday, January 12, 2009, 11:59 pm EST. For assistance, contact Kara Fukumoto, GMS Outreach Coordinator, at gmsoutreach@apiasf.org or call (toll free) 1-866-274-4677, x104.

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